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Subject: United States Policy Toward Inter-American Military Collaboration (NSC 56/2)

The accompanying document is the State Department's fourth Progress Report on NSC 56/2, "United States Policy Toward Inter-American Military Collaboration." It appears to be an accurate and comprehensive statement of developments since the distribution of the third Progress Report, April 20, 1951.

It may be that these Progress Reports are intended to be merely factual and thereby restricted to a recording of the steps taken in implementing the basic (NSC 56/2) paper. I would assume, however, that the value of the Reports would be increased by reference, perhaps orally, to the political realities which inevitably must affect or even control the operation of the military planning concerned. I have in mind, of course, such matters as the dubious attitude of Peron in Argentina, leftist demands in the Ecuadoran Army, and the infiltration of communism into the Government of Guatemala.

Attachment:
As stated above.

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